

Doug – email December 2010

8 Dec 2010, from me to Doug:

Hey, Dugger - just checking with you: you have not received a Priority Mail box from me yet, have you? I wouldn't think you have, as when I check the Delivery Confirmation number, it shows nothing - they didn't even log it in when I took it to the Post Office on 24 Nov!

Since it has been a little over 2 weeks now, I thought I'd check with you ...

... other than that, how is everything going? Still planning to do some skiing?

- Dad

Hi Daddio! Yes, I did receive it. The one w/ Uncle Dick's book and the Christmas presents. I don't know why the tracking system doesn't indicate correctly (I picked it up on Friday). I've had stuff shipped to me before (from e-bay or mail order stuff) that I tracked, and the same thing happened where "the system" never indicated anything further than the U.S. main hub they were shipped out of. But, I got it, so Thanks!

I will be mailing a package to you tomorrow, and the USPS claims that as long as it's shipped before the 10th, it'll get to you before Christmas, so hopefully it works!

Things have been going great with us! Don and Tammy Thomas had me and some other rescue bubbas over for Thanksgiving (Simone had to work), and then Simone and I had some guests over the Sunday after for our own Thanksgiving type meal. (Now that we know how to expand the table to fit more than 4 people!)

I am now a High School Wrestling Referee! I saw a brief announcement in the base paper... "Refs needed", so I showed up where it said to show up, they had a brief course (1 day long, on the mat and in the class room), and 3 weeks later I was refing my first tournament! (They don't do "dual meets" here since schools are too few and far between, so it's a series of round robin type tournaments). My next tourney is this Saturday down in Stuttgart. I really enjoy it!

I'm working on gathering final letters, including my own, for inclusion into my final package that will be submitted back to the JAG the week of the 20th, when they'll start the final review process up the chain. This is where my last chance for a "stay of execution" is. Main tactic is to gather letters from supervisors and coworkers about my performance/demeanor, etc since my return from Jacksonville back March. The idea is: You gave me the chance by sending me to get help, and I've been showing you it's worked, it's for real, so now let the Air Force get a return on its investment (ooh... that's good, I just came up with that...return on investment. I think I'll use that!)

We've been getting some snow lately! In fact, quite a bit this evening. I'm taking a day of leave tomorrow with intent of getting a lot of personal errands done, so I hope I don't get snowed in. Tyson absolutely LOVES the snow! He's awesome. I'm really happy I have him, he's a great dog, still a little bit puppy-hyper, but learning how to control himself much better (not as much biting everything). Simone takes him out for a walk almost every day, usually a short drive to the "Mammot Baumen" (Mammoth trees, because they're so old). When she says "Mammot" it sounds like "Marmot" and makes me think of Bonnie.

Uncle Pete left a message the other day, so if you talk to him before I do, let him know I heard and am digesting. He basically said it's better to get applications in sooner rather than later because the civilian/GS system takes awhile to get picked up. I copy all on that, and I appreciate the help. I am adding to the list of stuff I need to get done. That's why I'm taking leave just to get time enough away from work to get things done. A lot is stacking up in a short period, so 1 thing at a time.

What's your schedule look like from 9-20 January? I'll be TDY to San Antonio for a few days the week prior to that, so I'm planning on taking leave afterwards to come and say hi to y'all and get some skiing in back home... maybe TAOS and Santa Fe. Let me know if you'll be around, because (especially since I got ripped off from my AIS TDY) I'd like to get back home to see you and Dave and Albuquerque!

Whewww.... that felt good! It just took your e-mail to be a good catalyst for writing to let you know what's going on! Now I can strike another thing off of my "to do" list! :)

I love you! Thanks again for the package! (remember, the original reason for the e-mail....).

- Doug

P.S. Attachments follow:

1. Pic of Thomas Thanksgiving
- 2,3. Pics of Mine and Simone's Thanksgiving (Which one's the Turkey??)
4. Obligatory Pic of Tyson
5. Excel spreadsheet of PCS job opportunities available to me this summer (I'm now in the Summer Move cycle)